(c) and (d) The composite vocabulary for generic drugs is being implemented. However, Government has set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr.J.N. Pande, Head of Department. Internal Medicine. All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, to prepare a single comprehensive formulary that will cover both generic and patent drugs for Central Government Health Scheme and Medical Stores Organisation. The Committee is expected to submit its report by 20th December, 2000.

Closed fertilizer units

†*190. SHRI D.P. YADAV. Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of fertilizer units in the country, particularly in Eastern Uttar Pradesh, which are lying closed; and

(b) whether Government are formulating any effective plan to revive them; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) and (b) Production at the following plants of Fertilizer Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) under the administrative control of this Department had to be discontinued for reasons of safety/feedstock limitation or on account of non-viable operations:—

1. Ammonia-Urea units at Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh), Ramagundam (Andhra Pradesh) and Talcher (Orissa) of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI).
2. Ammonia-Urea Units Durgapur & Haldia Fertilizer Project (West Bengal), Barauni (Bihar) and Namrup-I & II (Assam) of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC).
3. Dehradun (Mussorie Phosphate) (Uttaranchal), Amjhore (Bihar) and Saladipura (SSP) (Rajasthan) Units of Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL).
4. Urea-I unit of Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. (RCF) at Tombay (Maharashtra).

A decision has already been taken by the Government to close/hive-off the Haldia Fertilizer Project of HFC and Gorakhpur plant of FCI as they have not

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

been found techno-economically feasible. Process in on to enable KRIBHCO to set up a new fertilizer plant at the existing site at Gorakhpur.

Comprehesive rehabilitation proposals for Ramagundam and Talcher units (FCI), Durgapur and Barauni units (HFC) on the basis of unit-wise techno-economic viability and restructuring proposals of Dehradun, Amjohre and Saladipura units of PPCL are to be submitted to the competent authority shortly in the Government and thereafter for final sanction of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction.

The Government has approved the revival of Namrup units HFC at an estimated fresh investment of Rs. 350 crore. The ammonium Sulphate plant of Namrup-I is to be scrapped as it has been found to be unviable and unsafe to operate.

The restart of RCF's Trombay-1 urea plant has not been found techno-economically viable and the company has decided not to operate this plant.

Sports promotion scheme for rural women players

*191. SHRI. K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to launch a sports promotion scheme for rural women players in the country;

(b) if so, the main features of the scheme;

(c) how the State Government are to be associated in implementation of this scheme; and

(d) by when this scheme is likely to be launched?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI): (a) to (d) No, Sir. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to launch any new sports promotion scheme for rural women players. However, Government is already implementing a scheme named as "Sports Festival for Women" under which Block, District, State and National level sports competitions are organised involving women players. For organization of Block, District and State level sports competitions in the disciplines of Athletics, Basketball, Badminton, Gymnastics, Hockey, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Swimming and Tennis, grants are released to Sports Authority of India (SAI), which, in turn, releases to the State/UT Government on receipt of